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For: **LIGAND ACTIVATED TRANSCRIPTIONAL
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Art Unit: 1646

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 1, 5, 8, 13, 20, 22, 25, 32, 34, 39, 43 and 45 with amended claims 1, 5, 8, 13, 20, 22, 25, 32, 34, 39, 43 and 45 as follows:

(Amended) A fusion protein, comprising a nucleotide binding domain operatively linked to a ligand binding domain derived from an intracellular receptor, wherein:

the nucleotide binding domain is a polydactyl zinc-finger peptide or modular portion thereof that specifically interacts with a contiguous nucleotide sequence of at least about 3 nucleotides;

the ligand binding domain has been modified to change its ligand specificity compared to the native hormone receptor; and

the fusion protein is a ligand activated transcriptional regulator.

5. The fusion protein of claim 1, wherein the modified ligand-binding domain is not substantially activated by endogenous ligands relative to exogenous or non-natural ligands.

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